



Epiphany of Our Lord Byzantine Catholic Church

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CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

—Schedule of Divine Services—

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN

Saturday Apr. 25 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance (Confession)
5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish

Sunday Apr. 26 9-9:30AM Mystery of Repentance (Confession)
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the repose of +Mary Charles Hollands by Kerrie Pinkney (live streamed)
Acts 9:32-42 & John 5:1-15
Panachida for the repose of +Mary Charles Hollands by Kerrie Pinkney
12NOON Adult Education Class on the Divine Liturgy continues

Tuesday Apr. 28 **THE HOLY APOSTLES JASON AND SOSIPATER.**
7PM Divine Liturgy for Brandon Arrington by Fr. Lewis Rabayda

Thursday Apr. 30 **POST-FEAST OF MID-PENTECOST;**
THE HOLY APOSTLE JAMES, BROTHER OF JOHN THE THEOLOGION
7PM Divine Liturgy for Ernie & Patricia Holewinski by Gina & Ken Holewinski

SUNDAY OF THE SAMARITAN WOMAN; POST-FESTIVE OF MID-PENTECOST

Saturday May 2 4:30-5PM Mystery of Repentance (Confession)
5:15PM Akathist to the Theotokos, Ikos 1-3
5:30PM Vigil Divine Liturgy for the repose of +Daniel Rabayda by Fr. Lewis Rabayda

Sunday May 3 9-9:30AM Mystery of Repentance (Confession)
9:45AM Akathist to the Theotokos, Ikos 1-3
10:00AM Divine Liturgy for the faithful of Epiphany Parish (live streamed)
Acts 11:19-26, 29-30 & John 4:5-42
11:45AM Mother's Day Brunch

During the month of April, the Altar Lamp burns before our Lord in the tabernacle for the repose of

**Deceased Members of the
Leachman & Pinkney Families by Kerrie Pinkney**

Stewardship 04/19/2026	Apr. Off. Total:	\$8,220.16
Offertory \$1,502	Cap. Imp. Total:	\$680
Online Giving \$373.54	Lenten Offering:	\$1,800
Capital Imp. \$525	Easter Offering:	\$2,455
Easter Offering \$0	Catholic Home Miss.:	\$50
Catholic Home Miss. \$0	April Total	\$13,155.16
	Apr. Op. Budget	\$10,548

PRAYER CHANGE DURING PASCHAL SEASON: Pardon the delayed notice: During the Paschal season—Pascha until Pentecost—we omit the prayers “Glory to You, Our God...” and the prayer to the Holy Spirit, “Heavenly King, Comforter...” in our usual prayers, and instead, we pray the Paschal Troparia “Christ is Risen...” 3 times, until Ascension. We will resume praying “Heavenly King...” at Pentecost Vespers.

Also, during this time, we do not kneel to pray, regardless of the day, but we **stand** for all of our personal prayers.

2025 ANNUAL BISHOPS APPEAL REACHED!!! Thank you to everyone who donated to the Bishop's Appeal! We have exceeded our goal and will receive a 40% rebate in July. If you still wish to donate, it can be done by check or on the Eparchial Website, if you have any questions please ask Fr. Lewis. **So far 23 families have donated a total of \$11,275!**

MAINTAINING A PRAYERFUL SPACE: There are challenges with having a small church building and not much space to talk with our friends and fellow parishioners. However, please maintain quiet in the Nave before and after the Divine Services, to allow others a solemn space to offer their personal prayers. The Narthex is our space for community.

YOUNG ADULT CONVOCATION: This summer, encounter The Heart of the God-Bearer at the 2026 Byzantine Catholic Young Adult Convocation, July 31st to August 2nd at St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church in Hillsborough, New Jersey. Young adults ages 18-35 will gather for fellowship, communal praying of the Liturgy of the Hours, and talks from speakers like Mother Natalia of Christ the Bridegroom Monastery and co-host of the What God Is Not podcast and Very Rev. Paul Varchola West, MFA, MDiv of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Levittown, PA; host of the Building Athos in Our Hearts podcast; and Spiritual Father of the Springs in the Desert ministry. Joins us for three days of faith, friendship, and transformation. For more

information and regular updates, go to <https://www.heartofthegodbearer.org/>. Online registration is open from now until June 30th!

2026 BYZANTEEN RALLY: The 2026 Intereparchial ByzanTeen Rally will be held on July 9-12 in Cleveland, OH. This year's themes is: "Take Courage! I have overcome the world." This is an incredible event to attend and meet other ByzanTeens from around the country. Register at: <https://archpitt.org/byzanteen-rally-2026/>

The Blessed Miriam Teresa Foundation is offering a \$300 supplement to each Teen for this trip. Please contact Fr. Lewis if you are interested in attending and applying for these funds.

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS: We have three new additions to our parish library: *Theodore Romzha: His Life, Times and Martyrdom*, *The Union of Uzhorod*, and *History of the Byzantine Catholic Church in America*. Blessed Theodore Romzha was a bishop of our church and was martyred by the Soviets in 1947. The Union of Uzhorod is when our particular Church came back into communion with Rome. and the third addition, is written by one of our Metropolia's retired priests, who has made it his vocation to study and write about our particular Church's history.

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH: Kerrie Pinkney is coordinating this year's Mother's Day Brunch with a Tea Party theme. Please bring appropriate foods.

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Those who are ill or convalescing: Sally Baer, Cathy Bowen, Anna & Catherine Cospelich, Paulo DosReis, Angela Free, Ernie & Patricia Holewinski, Katherine Lydon, Mario Marione, Fr. Maximos, Joan Miller, Patricia Moyle, Patricia Rabayda, Andrew Reidy, Anthony Regan, Marisol Reyes, Mary Rinik, Allyson Scalzi, Fr. Robert Stash, Will Saint-Fleur, Marie Warnicke, and Tim Watson. *May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies, grant them peace and good health for many blessed years.*

Our deployed military members: Pvt. Bryan Buck, and Cmdr. William Bridges. *May God's Divine Care and Mercy be given to them and may their Guardian Angels protect them from harm.—Please let Fr. Lewis know if anyone should be added or taken away from these lists.*

Welcome to our parish!

We are glad that you have chosen to participate in the Divine Liturgy with us today and we pray that it has been a spiritually nourishing experience. If you would like to register as a parishioner or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

The Mysteries (Sacraments) of the Church are available for all Baptized Catholics in Good Standing. This means that a Catholic attends Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holydays of Obligation, utilizes the Mystery of Repentance at least once a year, receives the Eucharist at least once a year, observes the church's penitential seasons and fasting regulations to include abstaining from meat or an equivalent penance on all Fridays except when mitigated, supports the Church in her temporal needs through offering of time, talent, and treasure, and believes the Church's teachings on faith and morals. Those seeking Sacramental Marriage should contact the parish 1 year in advance.



<https://becomingbyzantine.updates.church>

Upcoming Social Events

- May 3 Mother's Day Brunch
- June 20 Father's Day Picnic & Float Down the Cartacay River
- July 9-12 ByzanTeen Rally, Cleveland, OH
- July 31-02 Young Adult Convocation, Hillsborough, NJ

Changeable Parts in the Teal Pew Book Apr. 25/26 Sunday of the Paralytic Man

Vigil Liturgy begins on p. 104;
 Tone 3 on p. 133

- (Sun) 1st & 2nd Antiphons: p. 14
- (Sun) Hymn of the Incarnation: B p. 19
- (Sun) 3rd Antiphon: p. 22
- (Sun) Entrance Hymn: A p. 25
- (Sun) Troparion & Kontakion of Paralytic Man: p. 181-2
- "Holy God": C p. 28
- Prokeimenon & Alleluia: p. 182
- Cherubikon: E p. 46
- Creed: B p. 52
- Thrice Holy Hymn: p. C p. 57
- We Praise You...: H p. 61
- Instead of "It is Truly Proper...," "The Angel Exclaimed.." p. 167
- Our Father: Tone Paschal p. 167
- Communion Hymn: A p. 78
- instead of "We have seen..." Christ is Risen
- "May Our Mouths be filled..": B p. 85
- "Blessed be the Name of the Lord": B p. 88
- Thanksgiving Prayers: p.95-96
- Panachida for the deceased: p. 432